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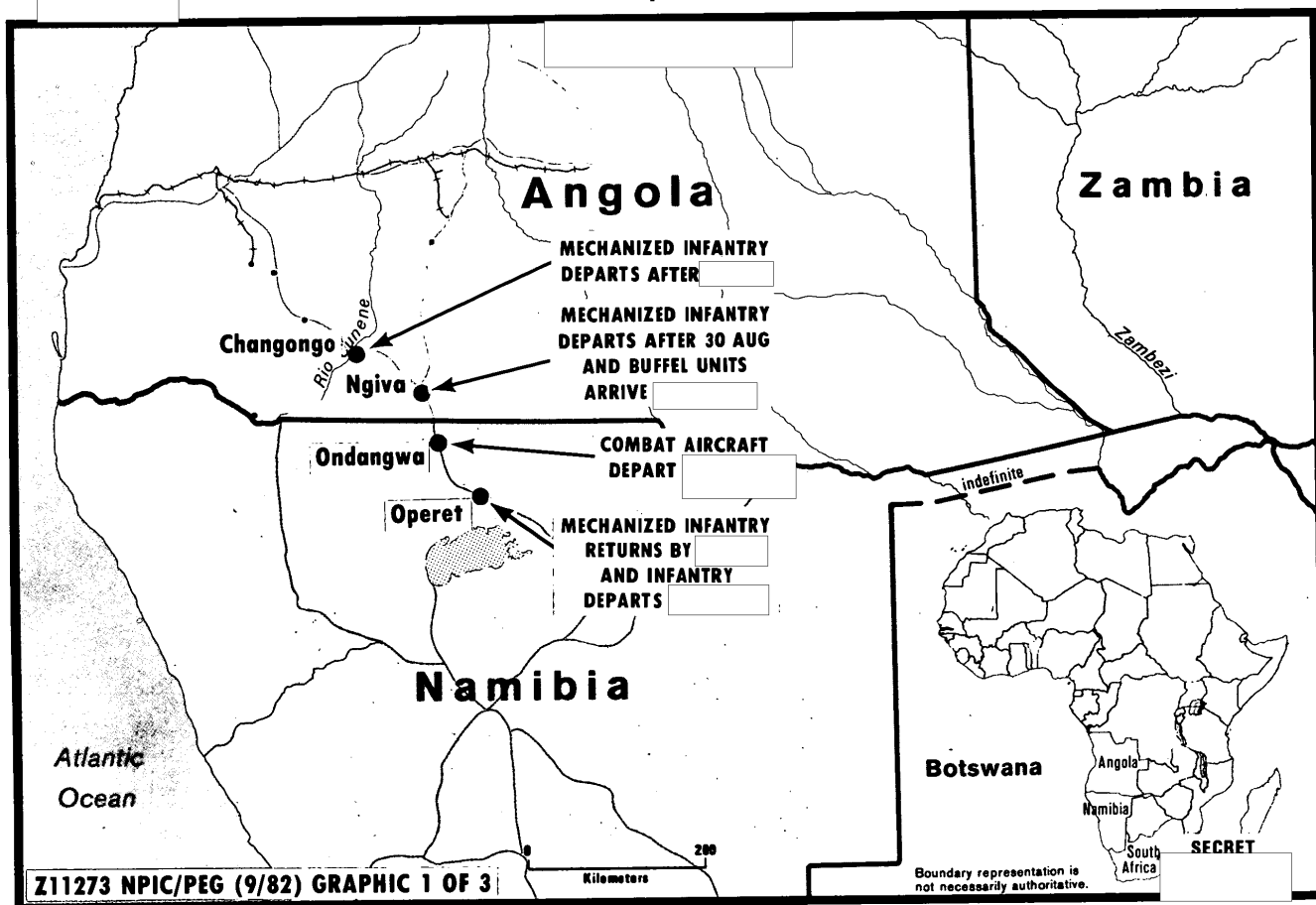
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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: CURRENT SOUTH AFRICAN COMBAT OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA HAVE PROBABLY CONCLUDED.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: SOUTH AFRICAN MANEUVER ELEMENTS CONTINUE TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTHERN ANGOLA AND INFANTRY UNITS HAVE DEPARTED NORTHERN NAMIBIA AND MAY HAVE RETURNED TO SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO, TROOP TRANSPORT ACTIVITY CONTINUES AT ONDANGWA, A KEY STAGING BASE IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA WHICH SUPPORTS OPERATIONS INTO SOUTHERN ANGOLA. SOUTH AFRICA HAD PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN HER COMBAT AIRCRAFT FROM THIS AIRFIELD (GRAPHIC 1)

(SWN) FOUR OF THE FIVE INFANTRY BATTALIONS, STATIONED AT OPERET MILITARY CAMP SINCE LATE JULY 1982 (GRAPHIC 2), HAVE DEPARTED (GRAPHIC 3) AND MAY HAVE RETURNED TO SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO, ELEMENTS OF THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION, WHICH WERE PROBABLY CONDUCTING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THE CHANGONGO AREA OF ANGOLA IN JULY 1982, CONTINUE TO RETURN. ONE RATEL-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY HAS ARRIVED AT OPERET SINCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TWO COMPANIES PREVIOUSLY RETURNED THROUGH NGIVA IN ANGOLA [REDACTED] ONE COMPANY OF THIS BATTALION REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR, BUT IT MAY ALSO BE IN THE PROCESS OF WITHDRAWING SINCE ACTIVITY LEVELS HAVE AGAIN INCREASED AT NGIVA. [REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST TWO BUFFEL LIGHT-ARMORED VEHICLE COMPANIES AND TWO RATEL ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS HAVE ARRIVED. ONE BUFFEL COMPANY IS IN CONVOY WHILE THE SECOND IS DISPERSED NEAR THE PARKING APRON AT NGIVA AIRFIELD [REDACTED]. A SLIGHT INCREASE IN TRUCKS AND TENTS IS ALSO EVIDENT (ONLY OPERET ON GRAPHICS).

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(SWN) AT ONDANGWA AIRFIELD [REDACTED] ONE L-100 WHICH WAS POSSIBLY UNLOADING/OFFLOADING TROOPS AND TWO IMPALA HAVE DEPARTED [REDACTED] A CAMOUFLAGE-PAINTED C-47 HAS ARRIVED AND IS UNLOADING/OFFLOADING TROOPS NEAR THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT. THIS AIRCRAFT PROBABLY DEPLOYED FROM GROOTFONTEIN

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AIRFIELD [REDACTED], WHERE A CAMOUFLAGE-PAINTED C-47
AIRCRAFT HAS DEPARTED (AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 18-29-44S 017-03-01E

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